

**BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS  
FIRE DISTRICT No. 1  
Bridgewater Township  
PO Box 109, MARTINSVILLE, N. J. 08836**

Martinsville Station # 1  
Martinsville, NJ  
Sept 14, 2021

**Meeting Minutes of the Sept 14, 2021 BOFC District #1**

Meeting was called to order by Mr. Rosenberg at 8:04 pm. Present: Mr. Rosenberg, Mr. Rose, Mr. Cowley, Mr. Kalafsky, Mrs. Zampella, Chief Snook, Deputy Chief Fernandes. Mr. Kalafsky made a motion and Mr. Cowley seconded that we approve the minutes that were distributed electronically from the August meeting. Minutes approved.

Mr. Rose presented the bills being paid this month. Mr. Kalafsky motioned and Mr. Cowley seconded that the bills be approved as read. Bills approved. Mr. Rose presented the Treasurers report. Mr. Cowley motioned and Mr. Kalafsky seconded that the Treasurers report for August be approved. Approved.

Meeting opened to public at 8:08 Public section closed at 8:09.

**Correspondence:** Mr. Rose received some recall notices for the new pickup and the MRS Rig 3 and the attack vehicle. Mr. Cowley reported that we got a notice from Fire Programs that our version of fire programs is not current. Keith, the IT guy will download the update and check it before installing. He will also look at the operating system on the server as it is probably Windows 7 and should be upgraded.

**Chief's Report** Mr. Kalafsky motioned and Mrs. Zampella seconded that we approve August Chief's report as distributed. Mr. Kalafsky mentioned Mr. Rose was supposed to put in a slip for the commissioners meeting last night but did not but will make sure it is in this month. Chief's report approved.

**Old Business:**

**Martinsville Rescue Squad:** Mr. Rose motioned and Mr. Kalafsky seconded that the report presented by Lou DiGiovanni electronically be approved.

**Insurance-** Mr. Rose reported that he received email from Pam that the district Accident and Sickness policy is being renewed and they requested a census. He got a census from Doug and will send that in. Mr. Cowley asked if any of the damage done to vehicles is covered by FEMA. Mr. Rose advised that FEMA does not pay for damage but will reimburse for the usage of the Department vehicles for service during Ida. Deadline for submitting forms is October 5<sup>th</sup>. A discussion about raising some equipment on trucks to avoid water damage in the future. Water damage to some of the vehicles will be sent into

**LOSAP:** No Report

**Membership and Personnel:** Pending new member waiting for background check, Anthony Zougras. Sam DeAndrea is going to be dropped, now lives in Dunellen. He is returning his gear.

**Bridgewater Joint Board:** No Report

**Trucks out of the District:** None

**New Development:** No Report.

**Vehicle Training** Ongoing.

**Vehicle Maintenance:** Engine 2 in now and should be done in 2 weeks. Engine 4 will be in after that. Mr. Kalafsky asked if any damage to the chief's vehicles in Ida. They suffered no damage, just need a professional cleaning.

**New Pickup-** Chief reported that the vendor is coming down to check out everything and once the parts are in, it will get scheduled.

**Old Pickup** – Current Bid is \$20,301.00 as of Sept 14<sup>th</sup>. One week to go in auction. Mr. Kalafsky will arrange to have the Martinsville lettering removed.

**Flood Issues** – Mr. Cowley asked Deputy Chief Fernandes if any equipment was lost in the September 1<sup>st</sup> Flood. He reported we lost 3 life vests, rope, carabiners and a few other items. Thought a rope was found and returned to dept.

**Software Update** – Mr. Cowley provided copies of the outline starting point for the review of the software. Mr. Rose asked about the pricing. Mr. Cowley suggested they have a zoom meetings with the vendors to discuss how the software works and coordinates with other software. They will set up meetings.

Chief asked on behalf of the members that the helmets that are obsolete be given to the members. Mr. Kalafsky motioned and Mr. Cowley seconded that we give the obsolete helmets to the current members who wore them as a memento since they are no longer useable. The face shields will be reused. Motion passed.

The Chief asked for two board members to serve on the new truck committee. Mr. Rose and Mr. Cowley agreed to serve on committee. Mr. Rose reminded the group that a new truck cannot be purchased for 2 years.

Deputy Chief reported that he attended a chief's township meeting. He asked the OEM coordinator about getting a boat since every district could have used a boat during Ida. He said Somerset County OEM suggested that the BOFC could be put on the list for surplus. A discussion occurred regarding grant opportunities from insurance companies, NJ American Water and other grants. Deputy Chief Fernandes suggested that Bound Brook may have some extra boats that they are looking to sell. He will check into it.

### ***New Business:***

With no new business, a motion to adjourn the September 14, 2021 meeting was made by Mr. Kalafsky and seconded by Mrs, Cowley.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm.